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Mr. Steven Garfinkel
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Dear Mr. Garfinkel:

I appreciate the concerns raised in your letter of 24 June 1985 dealing with the national security classification of Director of Central Intelligence Directives (DCIDs). The DCIDs have been under review for the past several years and a number of changes have been made including the classification of DCID 1/7, 1/17, and 1/19.

These three directives were previously published as unclassified and given controlled distribution throughout the Intelligence Community. In the process of reviewing them, however, it was determined that they warranted national security classification. This determination was a classification decision, not a reclassification. Moreover, although the documents were widely available within the Intelligence Community, the information was not in the public domain and was reasonably retrievable through the distribution listing. In addition, all previous copies should have been destroyed by the recipient at the time the new classified directives were issued.

DCID 1/7 was classified Confidential in the aggregate because it establishes policies, controls, and procedures for the dissemination and use of intelligence information throughout the Intelligence Community. The unauthorized disclosure of the information in DCID 1/7 reasonably could be expected to cause damage to the national security. DCID 1/17 and 1/19 were classified for the reasons noted in your letter.

The statement, "Selected paragraphs may be excerpted for use at the unclassified (Official Use Only) level by Senior Officials of the Intelligence Community, their designees, or security officers of Community organizations when considered appropriate", was incorporated into DCID 1/7 and 1/19 because of difficulties that some users were experiencing in working with the classified directives. It was our intention that this

statement would give users more latitude in using selected portions of the directives in implementing instructions. We agree, however, that this statement is not appropriate in the context of the current DCID series, and we are removing it from reprints of these directives.

Both DCID 1/7 and 1/19 now are in the process of being rewritten and are expected to be issued some time next year at their present level of classification. DCID 1/19 is already in draft and DCID 1/7 is in the initial stages of revision. When reissued, DCID 1/7 is expected to contain substantial changes that will also require protection at the Confidential level.

I believe your reference to "an order to classify all DCIDs at the Secret level" pertains to a memorandum signed by me on 1 September 1983 dealing with the control and handling of the DCI Directive Series. The purpose of this memorandum was to ensure that the collection of directives was protected at the highest level of its constituent parts. Not all DCIDs are classified Secret; indeed, many are Confidential and several remain at the unclassified level. A waiver of the portion marking requirement for all DCIDs was approved by me on 17 September 1982 and a copy forwarded to your office on 4 October 1982.

I hope that we have been able to resolve your concerns on this matter. Please let me know if any further clarification is required.

Sincerely,

/s/ William J. Casey

William J. Casey

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